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SUBJ: MALI RESPONSE ON ICRC WEAPONS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

REF: A. GENEVA 3096; B. STATE 119953; C. BAMAKO 2322; D. BAMAKO 2532;
E. STATE 57526

1. ARMAND SANGARE, CHIEF POLITICAL DIVISION, CALLED
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO
EMBASSY REPRESENTATION JULY 30 ON ICRC WEAPONS CON-
FERENCE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE (BAMAKO 2322). SPEAKING IN
VAGUE GENERALITIES, SANGARE SAID THAT U.S. COULD BE
ASSURED THAT GOM WOULD DO NOTHING TO DISTURB (GENER)
THE U.S. AT THIS CONFERENCE AND THAT GOM POSITION WOULD
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BE QTE BIENVEILLANTE UNQTE (BENIGN,

INOFFENSIVE, INDLY-DISPOSED). CHARGE ASKED SANGARE WHETHER HE WAS REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO PRG MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AND HE ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY. HOWEVER, IN HIS REMARKS SANGARE ALSO MADE MENTION OF LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE CARACAS AND WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE BUCHAREST.

2. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, SANGARE ASKED IF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WOULD CHANGE AS RESULT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S INCUMBENCY. CHARGE SAID DEFINITELY NOT AND REFERRED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER THIS REGARD (BAMAKO 2532). HOWEVER, CHARGE DID TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE: (A) PRESIDENT FORD'S SUPPORT FOR REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT; (B) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENTLY REITERATED INTENTION TO VISIT AFRICA; AND (C) SUBSTANTIAL U.S. DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO MALI THIS YEAR.

3. CHARGE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT GOM POSITION UNCHANGED WITH REGARD TO SUPPORT OF PRG AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BUT THAT GOM MIGHT POSSIBLY BE LESS VOCAL IN ITS SUPPORT FOR PRG IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, IF GOM ABSTAINED FROM PRG MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AT GENEVA, THIS WOULD BE FIRST TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF GOM CLAIM (STATE 57526) THEY WISH ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. BEYOND USUAL EXPRESSIONS THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON MALI PARTICIPATION ICRC WEAPONS

CONFERENCE GENEVA, WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE BUCHAREST, AND LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE CARACAS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SEATING PRG WHERE APPLICABLE OR OTHER POLITICALLY-CHARGED ISSUES.
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